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In re Application of
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GEM EVALUATION

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Please enter the Preliminary Amendment which follows hereinafter prior to the initial examination of the present Application.

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, line 1, insert the following paragraph before the heading "BACKGROUND":

This application is related to and claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/229,861, filed September 1, 2000.--

In claim 7, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 6" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 14, line 1, delete "any one of claims 8 to 13" and substitute therefor

Please add the following new claims:

16. Method according to claim 2 wherein the gem being assessed is a diamond.
17. Method according to claim 3 wherein the gem being assessed is a diamond.
18. Method according to claim 4 wherein the gem being assessed is a diamond.
19. Method according to claim 5 wherein the gem being assessed is a diamond.
20. Method according to claim 6 wherein the gem being assessed is a diamond.

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